Roadmap for India's energy security

1385. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission's Energy Policy Committee has prepared a roadmap for India's energy security;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the policy; and

(c) what plans Government have to optimize various fuel resources in this age of dwindling energy resources?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission vide Planning Commission Order dated 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy linked with sustainable development that covers all sources of energy and addresses all aspects including energy security, access and availability, affordability and pricing, efficiency and environment. The Expert Committee is expected to submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

LNG for Dabhol Power Project

1386. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering LNG as the feedstock for the Dabhol Power Project for cost effective power generation;

(b) if so, whether Government would attempt to reclaim the LNG supply contract concluded between Enron Corporation and Government of Oman for import of LNG from Oman;

(c) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. is also scouting independently for LNG supplies from abroad for the Dabhol Power Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) An empowered Group of Ministers has been set up to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project.

Allocation of funds to States under APDRP

1387. SHRI C.RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) launched by Government to improve power situation in various States have run into trouble;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the total funds allocated to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir for purchase of energy meters during the last three years; and

(d) whether the funds under APDRP scheme have been fully utilized by these steps and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), schemes of system metering and consumer metering have been sanctioned to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir. A statement showing the details is in the Statement-I (See below).

(d) No, Sir. Details of funds released to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir under APDRP and the utilization is given in the Statement-I I (See below). Projects sanctioned under APDRP normally require a period of 18 to 24 months for their completion. The progress of projects is monitored by (i) Steering Committee constituted by the Ministry of Power, (ii) State level distribution reform committees, constituted in States and (iii) by National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. who are Advisor-cum-Consultants for APDRP projects.

Statement-I

Details of the funds allocated to the States for purchase of energy meters under APDRP

(Rs. in crores)

SI. No.	State	APDRP (Sanctioned)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	482.22
2.	Karnataka	379.61
3.	Rajasthan	185.07
4.	Tamil Nadu	185.59
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	169.15

Statement-ll

Details of funds release of under APDRP

(Rs. in crores)

SI. No	Name of State	Cost of the projects sanctioned	Funds released	Fund utilized (including counter part funds)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1511.40	566.76	560.83
2.	Karnataka	1192.79	435.45	511.63
3.	Tamil Nadu	968.17	344.16	428.85
4.	Rajasthan	1238.19	345.34	405.68
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	642.27	200.50	45.26

Scheme for rural electricity infrastructure

1388. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry has prepared Rs. 16,000 crore schemes on rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification in the rural areas to fulfill the common minimum programme of the present Government;

(b) whether Government has already given its consent;

j(c) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be started;

(d) whether out of this 16,000 crore fund outlay around Rs. 14,000 crore will be provided by the budgetary support; and

(e) what are the steps taken to implement this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to achieve the goal of providing access to electricity to all households in five years as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme, a scheme has been prepared which *inter-alia* provides for creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone and Village Electrification Infrastructure. This is expected to involve an expenditure of the order of Rs. 16,000 crores and it is proposed to enhance capital subsidy from the Government for this purpose. The Rural Electrification Corporation which would be the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme has taken